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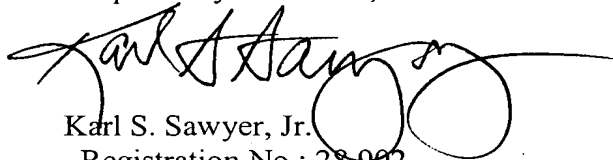
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The present application corresponds to a German patent application filed by the applicants, from which priority for the present application is claimed.

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